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Examiner Dung X. Nguyen

In Re: Angshuman Saha et al.  
Case: 239604  
Serial No.: 09/418,119  
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Subject: Method of Link Word Synchronization

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Dear Sir;

Response A

In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination are presented below, with indication as to amendment status. Claims 17, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 31 are amended in the present response, claims 1-16, 25 and 37-41 are cancelled.

Cancel claims 1-16

Sub 17

17. (Currently Amended) A method for word synchronization between a plurality of word devices connected by a plurality of serial lines, comprising the steps of:  
requesting synchronization from a first device to a second device when the first device does either has or does not have not have synchronization;  
~~requesting synchronization from a first device to a second device when the first device has synchronization;~~  
receiving a request for synchronization at a first device from a second device, the first device then becoming synchronized;